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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Prison Population Reduction Plan.** An update on a compromise plan between the Governor and the Legislature to reduce the prison population by December 31, 2013.
- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation**
 - **County-sponsored SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance)** - related to the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board, was signed by the Governor on September 6, 2013.
 - **County-sponsored SB 360 (Padilla)** - related to certification, piloting and funding of new voting systems, passed the Senate on September 6, 2013, and now proceeds to the Governor.
- **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation.** Updates on four County-advocacy measures related to: 1) rabies vaccinations for dogs; 2) streamlined processes for subsidized child care providers; 3) changing certain statutes governing

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collective bargaining; and 4) evidentiary privileges for union agents and represented employees.

- **Status of Legislation of County Interest**

- **AB 1380 (Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security)** - related to the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, was signed by the Governor on September 6, 2013.
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Prison Population Reduction Plan

Today, Governor Brown, along with Assembly and Senate leadership, announced a compromise plan to reduce the State prison population to meet the Federal three-judge panel's court order. As previously reported, the three-judge panel has ordered the State to reduce the prison population to 137.5 percent of design capacity or approximately 9,000 inmates by December 31, 2013.

The compromise plan, which will be amended into SB 105, essentially preserves the Governor's capacity solutions to avoid the early release of any prison inmates and would authorize the State to enter into agreements with public and private, State and out-of-State facilities to house State prison inmates. The compromise plan would appropriate \$315.0 million in FY 2013-14 to fund the capacity expansion in order to comply with the court-ordered population cap. The compromise plan would also direct the State to work with stakeholders over the next year to seek longer-term solutions to reduce recidivism and the prison population, and would provide stable and ongoing funding to counties under SB 678 of 2009 to further reduce prison admissions.

As soon as details of the compromise plan are released, this office will work with affected departments to determine potential County impact and report back to the Board.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance), the Senate Local Government Omnibus Bill, which as amended on August 8, 2013, includes a County-sponsored provision to allow the seat on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board that is designated for the Los Angeles County Supervisor to be filled by a designee of the Supervisor, was signed by the Governor on September 6, 2013. This measure becomes effective January 1, 2014.

County-sponsored SB 360 (Padilla), which as amended on August 30, 2013, would: 1) require a specified State certification and testing process for voting systems; 2) allow local jurisdictions to pilot publicly-owned voting systems; and 3) allow Voting Modernization Funds to be used for the research and development of voting systems, passed the Senate in concurrence of Assembly amendments by a vote of 27 to 9 on September 6, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-Supported AB 272 (Gomez), which as amended on August 20, 2013, would require that a dog owner, after his or her dog is 3 months of age or older, procure the dog's vaccination against rabies by a licensed veterinarian with canine anti-rabies vaccine approved by the California Department of Public Health and in a manner consistent with the vaccine label, passed the Assembly Floor by a vote of 68 to 2 on September 6, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 274 (Bonilla), which as amended on August 27, 2013, would, effective July 1, 2014: 1) allow subsidized child care providers to submit attendance records on a monthly basis; 2) allow attendance records to be maintained in original format or electronically; and 3) require the State to process payments to providers through direct deposit, passed the Assembly with concurrence in Senate Amendments by a 78 to 0 vote on September 6, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

County-opposed AB 537 (Bonta), which as amended on August 12, 2013, would make various changes to labor negotiation statutes related to ground rules, ratifications of MOUs, arbitration and fact-finding, including making mediation mandatory after an impasse, was amended on September 3, 2013 and September 6, 2013.

The amendments remove provisions that would have: 1) mandated mediation after an impasse if either party requests it; 2) required a public agency to engage in the meet and confer process before adopting reasonable rules and regulations to govern employer-employee relations; and 3) prohibited a public agency from placing a condition during negotiations that would limit the right of an employee organization to communicate with agency officials. As amended, AB 537 would now provide that if a tentative agreement is reached by the public agency and employee organization representatives, the governing body has 30 days to reject the agreement or it shall be deemed adopted. The bill would not bar the filing of a charge for failure to meet and confer in good faith if the governing body rejects the tentative agreement.

This office will work with the Chief Executive Office Employee Relations Branch and County Counsel to analyze impact of amendments on the County.

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This measure is currently on the Senate Floor awaiting consideration.

County-opposed AB 729 (Hernández), which as amended on August 21, 2013, would provide new evidentiary privileges to union agents and represented employees, passed the Assembly with concurrence in Senate Amendments by a vote of 51 to 27 on September 6, 2013. This measure now proceeds to the Governor.

Status of Legislation of County Interest

AB 1380 (Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security), which as amended on June 18, 2013, would make conforming changes to align the County Employees' Retirement Law with the new requirements of the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013, was signed by the Governor on September 6, 2013. This legislation takes effect January 1, 2013.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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